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In re Application of :
Kato et al. : **DECISION GRANTING PETITION**
Application No. 10/088,771 :
Filed: March 19, 2002 :
Attorney Docket No. 2648 USOP :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 8, 2006, to revive the above-identified application. The petition was recently forwarded to the Office of Petitions for a decision on the merits. The Office sincerely apologizes for any inconvenience.

This application became abandoned for failure to pay the issue fee as required by the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed on May 17, 2005, which set a three (3) month statutory period for reply. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on August 18, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on March 1, 2006. Petitioner has met the requirements under 37 CFR 1.137(b). Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

This matter is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Publication for processing into a patent.

Telephone inquiries concerning the issuance of the application into a patent should be directed to the Office of Patent Publication, Customer Service at (571) 272-4200.

Telephone inquiries specifically concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3211.

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